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Admiralty Office, March 3.

COMMODORE Keppel is returned from the Coaſt of Africa to Spithead, with His Majeſty's Ships
Torbay of 74 Guns.
Naſſau — 64
Fougueux — 64
Dunkirk — 60
having parted with the Prince Edward at Sea.

Admiralty Office, March 3.

Extract of a Letter from Captain Samuel Hood, of His Majeſty's Ship the Veſtal, of 32 Guns and 220 Men, to Mr. Clevland, Secretary of the Admiralty, dated at Spithead the 2d of March, 1759.

I beg you will be pleaſed to acquaint my Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty, that being ſtationed at Day-light four or five Miles a-head of Admiral Holmes, to look out, on the 21ſt paſt, about Seven o'Clock in the Morning, 200 Leagues South Weſt from the Lizard, I ſaw a Sail bearing S. S. E. directly to Windward, and gave Chace. At Eleven I diſcovered the Chace to be an Enemy, of which I made the Signal to the Admiral, as I did immediately after, That of being able to ſpeak with her: At Ten Minutes paſt Two, I begun to engage the Bellona Frigate, commanded by the Count of Beauhonoir, of 32 Guns, within half Muſket Shot, and continued a cloſe Action till near Six, when ſhe ſtruck, having only her Foremaſt ſtanding, without Yard or Topmaſt, which ſoon after went away, being much wounded. The Trent chaſed at the ſame Time I did, and then was not more than four Miles to Leeward; and when I began to engage, ſhe was out of Sight from our Top Gallant Maſt's Head, tho' ſhe chaſed the whole Time, and the Weather very clear, and was full four Miles from me when the Enemy ſtruck; the Loſs of whom I cannot exactly aſcertain, the Accounts of the Priſoners differ ſo widely; and I can get no proper Roll of Equipage; but it was very great, as the Veſtal's Lieutenant found more than 30 dead upon the Decks when he took Poſſeſſion; and they themſelves own, to have thrown overboard 10 or 12, which, with thoſe now living, being 180, make the Number that were on Board, at the Beginning of the Action, upwards of 220, as I have carefully informed myſelf from the Captain, and other of the Officers. On the Part of His Majeſty, were Five killed, and Twenty-two wounded. As ſoon as I brought to, after the Enemy ſtruck, all the Top Maſts fell over the Side, being much ſhot, and having no Rigging to ſupport them: The lower Maſts would likewiſe have gone, had not the Weather been very fine indeed; and with all the Fiſhing I could give the Mainmaſt, it would not bear other than a Jury Yard, which I was likewiſe under a Neceſſity of rigging upon the Foremaſt. In this Situation of His Majeſty's Ship, and her Prize, I thought myſelf obliged to bear up for England, eſpecially as the Wind ſhifted in the Action to the S.W.; which I hope their Lordſhips will approve. Not being able to put a Boat in the Water, but by launching her over the Side, by which a Cutter was ſunk and loſt; I deſired Captain Lindſay to ſtay by me, and exchange a Part of the Priſoners, which he did; but having made Room for them on board the Veſtal, by Noon next Day Capt. Lindſay took his Leave, in order to rejoin the Admiral. The Bellona ſailed from Martinique the 16th of January in ſome Hurry, accompanied with another Frigate of the ſame Force, and the Floriſſant, occaſioned by His Majeſty's Squadron, under the Command of Commodore Moore, being off the Iſland. The Commodore did not appear till that Morning, and had all the Troops landed by the Evening near Point Negroe: The three French Ships were chaſed by ſome of Mr. Moore's Squadron. The Bellona got clear by Superiority of ſailing; but does not know how it fared with her Companions, having never ſeen either of them ſince.

Admiralty Office, March 1.

Captain Colby, of His Majeſty's Ship the Thames, gives an Account, in his Letter of the 14th of February, of his having, in Company with the Coventry, taken La Mouche, a French Privateer of Havre de Grace, of 8 Six Pounders, and Eighty Men, which Ship is arrived at Kinſale, with the Coventry.

Admiralty-Office, March 2, 1759.

PUrſuant to an Act of Parliament paſſed in the Twenty-ſixth Year of His Majeſty's Reign, this is to give Notice to the Concerned, that Information hath been ſent to this Office, That, on the Fourth Day of January laſt, the Ship Juffrow Elizabeth Rachael, Benjamin Wolfram, Maſter, of the Burden of 300 Tons, bound from Dantzick to Waterford, and laden with Timber, Clapboards, Staves, and Lath Wood, was drove aſhore at Wadham in Bigbury Bay in the County of Devon, where the Ship was intirely loſt, but the greateſt Part of the Cargo ſaved.

J. Clevland.

A Letter dated February 10, 1759, and ſigned A Briton, has been received.

Whitehall, Feb. 23, 1759.

Whereas it has been humbly repreſented to the King, That divers Robberies, Burglaries and Theſts, have, of late Years, been committed within the ſeveral Counties of Eſſex, Hertford, Cambridge, and Suffolk; to the great Injury of the reſpective Inhabitants of thoſe Counties; and that, by the Care and Vigilance of ſeveral Gentlemen in the Commiſſion of the Peace for the County of Eſſex, aforeſaid, A Gang of the ſaid Robbers has been diſcovered; Seven of whom, being already taken, are committed to Chelmſford Goal; and, upon Informations, which have been given, diligent Search is making after the Others; His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering,

discovering, and bringing to Justice, the remaining Persons of the said Gang, (hereunder described, and not yet taken) is, hereby, pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon, as also a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, to any One of them, who shall discover the Rest of the said Gang of Persons, hereunder described, or any Two, or more of them, so that they may be apprehended and convicted of any, or either, of the Robberies, Burglaries, or Thefts aforementioned: The said Reward to be paid by the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, upon the Conviction of any Two, or more, of the Offenders.

HOLDERNESSE.

Descriptions of the Persons not yet taken, and against whom Informations have been given, for the Robberies committed as above, viz.

WILLIAM SALMON, of Thaxted, Jobber, about 28 Years of Age, 5 Feet 10 or 11 Inches high; well made, with grey Eyes, a ruddy Complexion, light colour'd curled Hair, and a Dimple in his Chin.—Supposed to have gone off in light coloured Cloths.

JACOB MURTON, of Thaxted, Butcher, about 35 Years of Age, 5 Feet 9 or 10 Inches high, strong Built, a round Face, full dark Eyes, brown Eyebrows, his own short brown Hair.—Supposed to have gone off in a Blue-grey Coat.

JAMES CARDINAL, of Thaxted, Cordwainer, about 25 Years of Age, a down Look, a black Complexion, dark Eyes and very full black Eyebrows, a short Nose, rather rising at the Point, thick Lips, a large Mouth, large Nostrils, full Beard, and dimpled Chin; lately wore his own black Hair, but went off in a brown Wig.

ALLEN LUNN, of Thaxted, Heel Maker, about 30 Years of Age, 5 Feet 8 Inches high, a brown Complexion, Light-grey Eyes, thin made, and a thin Beard, except on his Upper-Lip, where it is very strong and full.—Went off in a Grey Cut Wig.

WILLIAM BELCHAM, of Hemsted, Labourer, about 40 Years of Age, a short, thick, well-set Man, full faced, dark brown lank Hair.

Whitehall, February 27, 1759.

Whereas it hath been humbly represented to the King, that several Persons of Distinction at Bath, have, lately, received Anonimous Letters, threatning their Lives, in Case they did not deposite Sums of Money, in particular Parts of the City of Bath; His Majesty, for the better discovering, and bringing to Justice, the Persons concerned in writing and sending the said threatning Letters, is hereby pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon, to any one, (except the Person or Persons, who actually wrote any of the said Letters) who shall discover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices therein, so that he, she, or they, may be apprehended and convicted thereof. W. PITT.

And, as a farther Encouragement, the Corporation at Bath doth hereby Promise a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, *to be paid by the Chamberlain of the said City, to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid, upon Conviction of any one or more of the Offenders.*

War Office, Feb. 24, 1759.

This is to give Notice, that, for the Future, whoever intends to purchase a Commission in the Army, should first inform himself at the War Office, whether the Commission, for which he is in Treaty, may be sold with the King's Leave. And in all Instances, where it shall be found that any Money, or other Consideration, has been given for a Commission, not openly sold with the Leave of His Majesty, the Person obtaining such Commission will be superseded.

By His Majesty's Command,
BARRINGTON.

Admiralty Office, March 2, 1759.

If the Persons concerned in sending a Letter Yesterday, directed to the Honourable George Hay, and signed (These Men in Russell Street) will meet Samuel Seddon, Esq; Sollicitor of the Admiralty, at the Chambers of Mr. Mussey, Attorney at Law, N° 12, two Pair of Stairs in King's Bench Walk in the Temple, at any Time between the Hours of Ten and Twelve in the Forenoon, either on Monday or Tuesday next, the 5th and 6th Days of this Instant, they may have an Opportunity of communicating with Safety and Secrecy, any Thing they know that is Material in Relation to the Matter mentioned in the said Letter. J. Clevland.

Admiralty Office, January 26, 1759.

Notice is hereby given, that a Session of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery for the Trial of Offences committed on the High Seas within the Jurisdiction of the Admiralty of England, will be held on Friday the 9th of March next, at Justice Hall in the Old Baily, London, at Eight of the Clock in the Morning.
J. Clevland.

Admiralty Office, February 19, 1759.

Whereas by the Eleventh Article of His Majesty's Instructions given to Commanders of Merchant Ships and Vessels, with the Letters of Marque against France, it is directed that they shall keep a Correspondence by all Conveniences, and upon all Occasions, with the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of Great Britain, or their Secretary, and not only to give an Account of their Captures or Proceedings, but also of all they shall discover by any Means whatever concerning the Designs of the Enemy, their Fleets, Ships or Vessels, and of their Stations.

And whereas by the Fifteenth Article of the aforesaid Instructions it is likewise directed, that the said Commanders shall, by every Opportunity, send exact Copies of their Journals to the Secretary of the Admiralty.

To both which Articles very little, if any Regard has been paid by several of the Commanders of Merchant Ships and Vessels having Letters of Marque, and it being a Matter of the utmost Importance that the same should be strictly complied with;

My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do therefore give Notice to the said Commanders, and all other Persons concerned, that they will direct the Proctor of the Admiralty, to proceed according to Law, against all such as do not punctually comply with His Majesty's Instructions before-mentioned.

J. Clevland.

Admiralty Office, December 4, 1758.

MY Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having received many repeated Complaints of divers outragious Acts of Piracy committed on Board great Numbers of Ships, as well English as Neutral, sailing in the English Channel, by the Crews of Ships or Vessels being or pretending to be English Privateers:

Their Lordships therefore, in order to detect and bring to Justice the Persons guilty of such Piracies and Robberies, (in Violation of the Laws of Nations in general, and of this Kingdom in particular, and to the great Dishonour thereof) are pleased to promise a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, unto or amongst such Person or Persons as shall, within Three Months from this Time, discover any one or more of the Offenders guilty of any such Acts of Piracy as aforesaid, so as such Offender or Offenders shall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof.

And in regard the Committing of such Offences as aforesaid are greatly encouraged by divers Persons as Accessaries thereto, who knowingly assist, maintain, councel, or advise the Committing of such Acts of Piracy, and also by Persons who receive Goods so piratically taken, and entertain and conceal Offenders, knowing them to have committed such Robberies:

Their Lordships therefore, in order to detect or bring to Justice the Persons guilty of such last mentioned Offences, are pleased to promise a Reward of FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, unto or amongst such Person or Persons as shall, within Three Months from this Time, discover any one or more of

of the Offenders guilty of any ſuch Offences laſt mentioned, ſo as ſuch Offender or Offenders ſhall be apprehended and duly convicted thereof. Which ſaid reſpective Rewards before mentioned, ſhall be paid, clear of all Deductions whatſoever, by Samuel Seddon, Eſq; Solicitor or the Admiralty, immediately after the Conviction of ſuch Offenders.

And as a further Encouragement, any of the ſaid Offenders, (other than and except the reſpective Commander or Commanders of any ſuch Piratical Ships or Veſſels) who ſhall diſcover any one or more of the ſaid Offenders, ſhall, on the Conviction of ſuch Offender or Offenders ſo diſcovered, be intitled to His Majeſty's moſt Gracious Pardon.

And their Lordſhips do alſo promiſe to grant, upon Requeſt, to every Perſon, being a Seaman, who by making any ſuch Diſcovery or Diſcoveries, as aforeſaid, ſhall be intitled to either to the Whole, or to any Part or Parts of any of the above-mentioned Rewards) an abſolute Protection, to prevent his being impreſſed into His Majeſty's Sea Service, during this preſent War with France.

J. Clevland.

Bedford Houſe, March 1, 1759.

Whereas a ſufficient Number of Gentlemen did not offer to ſerve as Officers in the Militia for the County of Bedford at the laſt Meting, held for that Purpoſe at Bedford, His Majeſty's Lieutenant for the ſaid County hereby gives Notice, there will be another Meeting at the Swan Inn in Bedford, on Saturday the 24th of March 1759, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, where ſuch Gentlemen as are willing to accept of Commiſſions in the ſaid Militia, are deſired to deliver in their Names in Writing to the ſaid Lieutenant, or ſuch Perſon as ſhall be by him authorized to receive the ſame, ſpecifying alſo the Rank in which they are willing to ſerve. BEDFORD.

All Perſons qualified to ſerve as Officers in the Militia of the County of Southampton, and willing to accept Commiſſions therein, are deſired to meet at the Chequer Inn in the City of Wincheſter, on Friday the 16th Day of March Inſtant, (being the Aſſize Week) at One of the Clock in the Afternoon, in order that every Perſon ſo qualified, and willing to accept Commiſſions, may at ſuch Meeting deliver his Name in Writing to His Majeſty's Lieutenant, or to ſuch Perſon as he ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, ſpecifying the Rank in which he is willing to ſerve. Given under my Hand the 28th Day of February 1759. WINCHESTER.

Navy Office, March 2, 1759.

The principal Officers and Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy give Notice, that there is in the Hands of the Treaſurer of the Navy, Money to pay off all Bills regiſtered on the Courſe of the Navy for the Month of September 1758, in order that the Proprietors of, or ſuch Perſons as are legally empowered to receive the ſame, may bring them to this Office to be aſſigned for Payment accordingly.

Victualling Office, March 2, 1759.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that there is Money in the Hands of the Treaſurer of His Majeſty's Navy, to pay Intereſt and Non-Intereſt Bills regiſtered on the Courſe of the Victualling in the Month of September 1758, in order that the Proprietors of, or ſuch Perſons as are legally impowered to receive the ſaid Bills, may bring them to this Office to be aſſign'd for Payment.

Victualling Office, Feb. 26, 1759.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wedneſday the 21ſt Day of March next, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to treat for White and Bay Salt.

And on the ſame Day the Commiſſioners will be ready to treat with ſuch Perſons as may be willing to undertake to furniſh Brine Salt made after the late Mr. Thomas Lowndes's new invented Method.

The Conditions of the Contract for the ſaid Brine Salt, may be ſeen at the Secretary's Office at the Victualling Office, London, or by applying to the Collector of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms at Liverpoole, or the Collector of the Salt Duties at Middlewich in Cheſhire.

Victualling Office, Feb. 26, 1759.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Monday the 19th of March next, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to treat with ſuch Perſons as are inclinable to furniſh Dantzig, Stetin, and Hamburgh Pipe Staves, and Hamburgh and Stetin Hogſhead Staves, for the Service of His Majeſty's Navy.

Victualling Office, Feb. 26, 1759.

The Commiſſioners for Victualling His Majeſty's Navy do hereby give Notice, that on Wedneſday the 21ſt Day of March next, exactly at Twelve o'Clock at Noon, they will be ready to treat for Iron Hoops, for the Service of His Majeſty's Navy.

Cuſtom Houſe, London, March 1, 1759.

For SALE,

By Order of the Honourable Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Cuſtoms, in the Long Room at the Cuſtom Houſe, on Thurſday March 8, 1759, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon,

Sugars, Ginger, Aloes Epatica, and Cotton in Time.

The Goods to be viewed at the New Warehouſes at the Cuſtom Houſe, on Tueſday, Wedneſday, and Thurſday next, to the Time of Sale.

Hoſpital for the Maintenance and Education of Expoſed and Deſerted Young Children.

This is to give Notice, That an Extraordinary General Court of the Governors and Guardians of this Corporation, will be held (by Adjournment) at the ſaid Hoſpital in Lamb's Conduit Fields, on Wedneſday the 7th Inſtant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon; when all Governors and Guardians are deſired to attend.

T. Collingwood, *Secretary.*

Merchant Seamens Office, Royal Exchange.

A Quarterly General Court of the Preſident and Governors for Relief and Support of Sick, Maimed, and Diſabled Seamen, and of the Widows and Children of ſuch as ſhall be Killed, Slain, or Drowned in the Merchants Service, will be held at this Office, on Wedneſday the 21ſt of March Inſtant, at Eleven of the Clock. By Order of the Preſident and Committee.

Dan. Campbell, *Secretary.*

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THE Creditors who have proved their Debts under a Commiſſion of Bankrupt awarded and iſſued againſt Joſeph Cracknell, late of Birmingham in the County of Warwick, Linnen Draper, Haberdaſher, Dealer and Chapman, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects on Tueſday the 13th Day of March Inſtant, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at the Houſe of Joſeph Cooke, the Golden Coffee Pot in the Cherry Orchard in Birmingham aforeſaid, in order to aſſent to or diſſent from the the ſaid Aſſignees commencing and proſecuting one or more Suit or Suits at Law or in Equity, for recovering the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate, and to the compounding, agreeing, or ſubmitting to Arbitration any Matters in Diſpute relating to the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate, and on other ſpecial Affairs.

THE Creditors of Joſeph Cape, of Low Ireby in the County of Cumberland, Grocer, Tallow Chandler and Chapman, a Bankrupt, are deſired to meet the Aſſignees of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate and Effects; on Monday the 12th of March Inſtant, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, at Katy's Coffee Houſe, in the Town and County of Newcaſtle upon Tyne, to aſſent to or diſſent from the commencing and defending of one or more Suit or Suits in Law or Equity for the Recovery of the ſaid Bankrupt's Eſtate, or for compounding or ſubmitting the ſame to Reference, and on other ſpecial Affair.

THE Creditors of Mrs. Suſannah Stiles, late of Bow Lane, London, Widow, deceaſed, are deſired to ſend an Account of their Demands to Mr. Marye, at Barber's Hall, in Monckwell